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EMBOFF ACCOMPANIED VISITOR TO KUNEITRA MAY 6 AND OBSERVED FOLLOWING:

A. DOUBLE ROW OF BARBED WIRE BEING LAID ALONG BOTH SIDES OF ROAD INSIDE DISENGAGEMENT ZONE. WORKERS DIGGING UP GROUND IN SOME SPOTS BETWEEN WIRE. SYRIAN OFFICER AT SYRIAN-ISRAELI CHECKPOINT TOLD EMBOFF THAT WIRE, WHICH EXTENDS ALL WAY UP TO CHECKPOINT, BEING LAID TO PROTECT TREES, WHICH WILL SEEN BE PLANTED AND WHICH WILL GO ALL WAY TO DAMASCUS, FROM NIBBLING BY COWS AND SHEEP.

B. SYRIAN OFFICER ALSO STATED THAT DISPUTE OVER SEPARATION OF FORCES LINE AT SOME POINTS, PARTICULARLY AROUND JEBE AND JUBBATA AL-KHASHAB, HAS BEEN RESOLVED TO EXTENT THAT UN FUNDING CONSTRUCTION OF FENCE WHICH WILL WARN SHEPHERDS AND FARMERS NOT TO STRAY BEYOND THAT POINT. HE REMINDED EMBOFF THAT SOME SYRIAN FARMERS HAVE BEEN KILLED BY ISRAELIS IN THESE ILL-CONFIDENTIAL

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DEFINED ZONES.

C. SYRIAN OFFICER SAID THAT SWISS INDIVIDUAL FROM UN NOW IN KUNEITRA TRYING TO COLLATE MATERIAL ON PRECISELY WHO DESTROYED WHAT PROPERTY IN THAT AREA. OFFICER SAID TASK OF SWISS IS TO PINPOINT "WHAT DESTROYED BY BOMBS AND WHAT DESTROYED BY BULLDOZER."

D. CONSTRUCTION ON CEMETERY FOR "MARTYRS OF OCT. 1973 WAR" CONTINUING. MURPHY

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